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## **DBHDS Awarded SAMHSA Planning Grant for Children's Systems of Care**

The Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services is pleased to announce that it has received a one year System of Care Expansion Planning grant award in the amount of \$586,718 from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. The grant award period is October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012. It is the focus of this grant project to establish a comprehensive strategic plan that builds on the system of care work that has already occurred in Virginia in order to implement systems of care statewide. The plan will include workforce development and quality assurance activities to support community services boards and community policy and management teams in developing plans to expand services and supports through system of care values and principles. Oversight for the work will be accomplished through a multidisciplinary System of Care Expansion Team and will be guided by the plan developed under Appropriations Items 304.M. and Q.: "A Plan for Community-Based Children's Behavioral Health Services in Virginia." To access this report you may click on the following web link: <http://www.dbhds.virginia.gov/documents/CFS/cfs-Community-Based-BH-Plan.pdf>

We are very excited to have this opportunity to extend the philosophy and practice of Systems of Care statewide and are moving quickly to implement grant activities. We will be in contact with key stakeholders and partners in the very near future. In the meantime if you have questions you may contact Pam Fisher, Project Coordinator, at [pamela.fisher@dbhds.virginia.gov](mailto:pamela.fisher@dbhds.virginia.gov) or 804-786-0158.